INTRODUCTION

1996 FDA Forum on Regulatory Sciences:

Current Issues in Microbiology

The FDA Forum on Regulatory Sciences this year will include a series of plenary lectures focusing on "Current Issues in Microbiology," presented by scientists within FDA, and from other government agencies, academia and industry. The Forum is open to all interested FDA employees as well as individuals outside the agency. Although there is no fee for the forum, registration is required. The deadline for registration is November 22, 1996.

Sigma Xi Poster Session

The poster session, featuring research by FDA scientists, will include all areas of regulatory research. Posters will be on display the entire day, with a designated time for authors to be available for discussion.

Program/abstract books will be sent to pre-registrants prior to the meeting so that posters of interest can be identified in advance. In addition, the program and abstracts will be published electronically on the World Wide Web (WWW) home page of the FDA Chapter of Sigma Xi. Several sample abstracts from the 1994 Forum are currently on display. The Sigma Xi home page can be accessed from the CFSAN home page, or at the following address:

http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~frf/sxfda.html

The deadline for submission of poster abstracts is October 8, 1996.

1996 FDA Scientific Achievement Awards

The FDA Scientific Achievement Awards recognize employees who have made outstanding scientific contributions to the Agency. Awards will be presented in the areas of "Excellence in Laboratory Science," "Excellence in Review Science," "Excellence in Analytical Science" and "Excellence in Science by a Group."

This year's Awards program will include a sit-down luncheon (for pre-registered FDA employees and awardees' families only), remarks by Dr. Kessler or his designee, and presentation of awards. There is no fee for the luncheon. The deadline for registration is November 22, 1996.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS



DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS--TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1996 DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION--MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1996

Meeting Registration

Attendees of the 1996 FDA Forum on Regulatory Sciences must complete the top half of the enclosed registration form and return it to the Office of Science by November 22, 1996. The enclosed registration form includes registration for the forum, awards luncheon, and submission of abstracts/posters.

There is no fee for registration.

Abstract Preparation

Because poster space is limited, the submission of abstracts and the display of posters are limited to FDA employees, but the poster session is open to all registrants.

First authors of each abstract must complete the bottom half of the registration form, providing detailed information regarding the abstract and poster. For those submitting abstracts, completed registration forms, two copies of each abstract and a digital version of each abstract must be received by the Office of Science by Tuesday, October 8.

A Publish Only option is available for those scientists who would like to submit an abstract, but will not be displaying a poster at the forum.

Abstracts must adhere to the following guidelines. Those that do not will be returned.

- 1. Abstract must fit in a rectangle exactly 4.5 inches wide and a maximum of 3.75 inches high.
- 2. Except for Greek letters and other special characters, the font for all text should be 10 pt Helvetica.
- 3. The Title should be in Bold, followed by the authors' names in plain text. The *authors' addresses*, including Center, should follow in *italics*. The body of the abstract should all be in plain text, sin gle spaced.

A sample follows:

Myelotoxic Effects of Bizelesin to Human, Canine and Murine Myeloid Progenitor Cells in vitro D.A. Volpe¹, J.E. Tomaszewski², R.E. Parchment, A. Garg³, K.P. Flora1, M.J. Murphy³ and C.K. Grieshaber¹ CDER, FDA, Laurel, MD, ²NCI, Bethesda, MD, ³Hipple Cancer Res. Ctr., Dayton, OH

Bizelesin is a potent synthetic anticancer agent that alkylates and binds DNA. Preclinical studies have shown...



Abstract Submission



Two printed copies of each abstract, along with the accompanying registration sheet, must be sent to:

FDA Office of Science HF-33, Room 17-35 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857 fax: 301-827-3042

Attn: Dr. Susan Homire

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1996

In addition to printed copies, all abstracts must be submitted either on 3.5" disk or via e-mail. First authors of all abstracts will be notified either by e-mail or postcard that their abstract has been received. More details on poster preparation will be sent at that time.

FDA scientists may publish an abstract, even if they do not intend to display a poster at the forum.

Submission on 3.5" disk.

All disks must specify the format of the word processing software and operating system (i.e., WordPerfect 5.1, for DOS, WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows 3.x, MS Word 5.0 or 6.0, for Windows 3.x or Macintosh, etc.). Please use a .wpd extension for WordPerfect files, a .doc extension for Word files. Please avoid native files from Windows 95 applications or Windows 95 longfilenames.

To minimize the number of disks received, inclusion of multiple abstracts from the same location on a single disk is encouraged.

Two printed copies of each abstract, and a completed copy of the accompanying registration form must be sent with each disk to the Office of Science at the above address.

Submission via e-mail

Send e-mail versions to Dr. Fred Fry (frf@fdacf.ssw.dhhs.gov) A text block in a normal e-mail message may be used if the abstract is simple text without symbols or unusual characters. An attached word processor document (see format information in #1 above) may be sent for more complex abstracts.

Two printed copies of each abstract, and a completed copy of the accompanying registration form must also be sent to the Office of Science at the above address.

NOTE: The fonts used on the WWW abstracts (in html format) will be Times Roman (bold and italic attributes are available) or Courier. Subscripts and superscripts are available but will appear as normal text on some web browsers. Some symbols and Greek characters are available but may not display correctly on some browsers. Graphics in the abstract are not encouraged, but if needed, they will be converted to .gif files and linked to the abstract. For additional details, please contact Dr. Fred Fry, (202) 205-4003, (CFSAN DROFE 6.6)

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e-mail: frf@fdacf.ssw.dhhs.gov



Poster Options



Space for the poster session is limited. In order to accommodate as many posters as possible, a 4 ft by 4 ft poster size will be available this year in addition to the 4 ft by 8 ft size. It is important that you limit your poster to a 4 ft by 4 ft board if at all possible; otherwise, the total number of posters may have to be restricted.

In the event that more poster requests are received than can be accommodated, the following procedure will determine which posters will be displayed:

- 1) first authors with multiple posters will be asked to choose one poster for display, and
- 2) the remaining abstracts will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by the date of receipt.



Hotel Information



Hotel reservations should be made individually. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Grand Hyatt, 1000 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, for Wednesday, December 4. Please ask for *FDA Science Forum*. The telephone number for the Grand Hyatt is 202-582-1234.

Other area hotels:

- * Renaissance 999 9th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001 202-898-9000
- * Marriott at Metro Center 775 12th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001 202-737-2200

Reasonable accommodations for the hearing-impaired or other special considerations will be provided upon request. If such accommodations are needed, please notify the Office of Science (301-827-3340) by November 15, 1996.

For additional registration information, please call the Office of Science at 301-827-3340.



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SIGMA XI POSTER SESSION (all day)

Chairperson's Welcoming Remarks Albert Pohland, Ph.D.

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Opening Remarks (To be announced)

Session I: Microbial Pathogenesis Carl E. Cerniglia, Ph.D., Session Chair National Center for Toxicological Research

Plenary Lecture: Bovine Spongiform C. J. Gibbs, Ph.D.

Encephalopathy (BSE) Update National Institutes of Health

Pathogenic Protozoa in Food and Drink, George J. Jackson, Ph.D.

An Update: 1681-1996 CFSAN

Xenotransplantation - A Public Health Perspective Amy Patterson, M.D.

CBER

Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring of Zoonotic

Enteric Pathogens in Animals and Humans

Linda Tollefson, D.V.M., M.P.H.

CVM

Helicobacter pylori - Current Research Issues Dennis Lang, Ph.D.

National Institutes of Health

POSTER SESSION (authors present)

1996 FDA SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON

Session II: Methodology

J. Christopher Cordaro, Ph.D., Session Chair Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Plenary Lecture: Rapid Methods for Detection

of Foodborne Pathogens

Peter Feng, Ph.D.

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Genetic Detection Methods to Identify

Foodborne Pathogens

Walter E. Hill, Ph.D.

ORA

Development and Commercialization of

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)-Based Methods

for the Detection of Foodborne Pathogens

Scott Fritschel, Ph.D.

Qualicon

Detection of Pathogens by

Automated Fatty Acid Analysis

Myron Sasser, Ph.D.

Midi

Automated ELISAs for Detection

of Foodborne Pathogens

Carol Gravens, M.A. bioMérieux Vitek, Inc.

Session III: Control Updates
D. B. Shah, Ph.D., Session Chair
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Plenary Lecture: Biofilms

J. William Costerton, Ph.D.

Montana State University

Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP)

John E. Kvenberg, Ph.D.

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Infections/Medical Devices/Risk Assessment

Katharine Merritt, Ph.D.

CDRH

Concluding Remarks

B.A. Schwetz, D.V.M., Ph.D.

Associate Commissioner

for Science

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